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1. SUMMARY: WEATHER AND EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS IMPEDED WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE NORMAL UTILIZATION OF THE MOPS SYSTEM DURING THE SECOND WEEK. ALTHOUGH MISSION REPS HAVE INITIATED REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR ALL OF THE PROBLEM AREAS, THE WEATHER SITUATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE TENUOUS DUE TO OTHER HURRICANES IN THE PACIFIC. MEXICO CITY MOPSS CONTINUES TO BE MOST RESPONSIVE TO CULIACAN REQUESTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMABLES. END SUMMARY.

2. FLIGHT AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS.
ON 27 SEPT, 3.40 HRS. IN THE AIR ON ZONE 6, SECTOR 5 WITH SPLIT MULTISPECTRAL CAMERA CONFIGURATION, SECURED 9 LINES, 340 LINE MILES AND 1600 EXPOSURES, ON 4 ROLLS OF FILM.

ON 28 SEPT. , THE AIRCRAFT WAS GROUNDED FOR A SCHEDULED 100-HOUR INSPECTION. FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CANCELLED DURING THE PERIOD 29 SEPT.-OCT 1 BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE PROXIMITY OF HURRICANE LIZA. FLIGHT LINES WERE LAID OUT DURING THE PERIOD ON PRIORITY AREAS 3 THROUGH 6 AS RECEIVED
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FROM LIAISON OFFICER SERGIO ZAPATA. THE K-17 CAMERA

RECEIVED FROM MEXICO CITY ON TEMPORARY LOAN WAS TESTED AND FOUND TO BE OPERATIONS. A REPLACEMENT CASE DRIVE FOR THE MOPSS/CULIACAN K-17 WAS ORDERED FROM SPECTRAL DATA CORP. AND WILL BE DELIVERED ON 2 OCT. 1976.

ON SATURDAY, 2 OCT., LOCAL CLOUD CONDITIONS OVER PRIORITY AREAS 1 (ZONE 6, SECTOR 9) AND PRIORITY AREA 2 (ZONE 6 SECTOR 5) PREVENTED PHOTOGRAPHY.

3. PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY OPERATIONS.

ON 27 SEP., 6 ROLLS EXPOSED MULTISPECTRAL FILM WERE PROCESSED (1450 EXPOSURES) DESPITE LACK OF POWER FOR 2 HOURS IN THE MORNING AND WATER PUMP FAILURE IN THE AFTERNOON. THE DENSITOMETER WAS FOUND TO BE INOPERATIVE AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO BORROW THE DENSITOMETER FROM MEXICO CITY AFTER ATTEMPTS TO REPAIR IT FAILED.

ON 28 SEPT., 375 FILM POSITIVES AND 150 PAPER PRINTS WERE PREPARED FROM MULTISPECTRAL NEGATIVES FOR INTERPRETATION, ANNOTATION, AND MOSAICING BY PHOTO-INTERPRETERS AND CARTOGRAPHERS (PENDING AVAILABILITY OF K-17 AND 70 MM PHOTOGRAPH). THE BORROWED DENSITOMETER RECEIVED FROM MEXICO CITY CHECKED OUT AS OPERATION.

ON 29. SEPT., 750 MILTISPECTRAL FILM POSITIVES AND 750 PAPER PRINTS WERE SIMILARLY PREPARED. LACK OF WATER DUE TO HELICOPTER OPERATIONS DELAYED PHOTO PROCESSING IN THE MORNING.

ON 30 SEPT., 403 MULTISPECTRAL FILM POSITIVES AND 403 PAPER PRINTS WERE PREPARED. THE EN-6 PRINTER REQUIRED 4 HOURS MAINTENANCE.

OCTOBER 1 WAS SPENT IN MAINTENANCE, CLEANING AND CHEMISTRY CHANGE OF THE VERSAMAT. A POWER FAILURE SHUT DOWN OPERATIONS UNTIL FUEL COULD BE SECURED FOR THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR; THEN, 387 PAPER PRINTS WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED.

4. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION AND CARTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS.

THE PERIOD 27-28 SEPT. WAS SPENT PRINCIPALLY IN COMPLETING THE INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS IN THE VAN, INDEXING OF 4 ROLLS OF FILM (1600 FRAMES) RECEIVED FROM THE PHOTO-VAN, AND TESTING OF MULTI-

SPECTRAL POSITIVES TO DETERMINE OPTIMUM PROCESSING STANDARDS FOR PHOTO-INTERPRETATION PURPOSES.

THE PERIOD 29 SEPT.-1 OCT. WAS SPENT PRINCIPALLY IN COMPLETING MOSAICS FROM THE 2"X4" MULTISPECTRAL PRINTS FOR USE AS SUBSTITUE MOSAICS UNTIL K-17 OR 70 MM ARE AVAILABLE. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION STARTED ON 1 OCT. BUT WAS INTERRUPTED BY POWER FAILURES DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE LIZA AND RAIN BEING BLOWN INTO THE VANS AROUND THE AIR CONDITIONER UNITS.

5. COMMENTS: THE SECOND WEEK OF OPERATIONS WAS IMPEDED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS, DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF HURRICANE LIZA, AND OCCASIONAL WATER SHORTAGES AND POWER FAILURES. THE NEW WATER TANK BEING BUILT FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS WILL SOLVE THE WATER PROBLEM AND STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE AVAILABILITY OF FUEL OIL AT ALL TIMES FOR EMERGENCY POWER WHEN NEEDED. THE LIAISON OFFICER WAS MOST EFFICIENT IN ARRANGING THE LOAN OF A K-17 CAMERA AND A DENSITOMETER FROM MEXICO CITY PENDING REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF THE CULIACAN EQUIPMENT. A REPLACEMENT CASE-DRIVE FOR THE K-17 WAS HAND-DELIVERED ON 2 OCT. AND A REPLACEMENT DENSITOMETER WILL BE DELIVERED IN ABOUT ONE WEEK, SO THAT BORROWED EQUIPMENT WILL BE RETURNED PROMPTLY. PENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF K-17 PHOTOGRAPHY UNTIL THE 70 MM CAMERA IS INSTALLED, 2"X4" MULTISPECTRAL PRINTS WERE PANELLED INTO MOSAICS AND PHOTO-INTERPRETATION IN ZONE 6, SECTOR 5 WAS STARTED BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THE FIRST ANNOTATED MOSAICS AND ACCOMPANYING REPORTS WILL BE DELIVERED ON TUESDAY, OCT. 5 TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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